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SUBJECT: KOREA VOTE IN UNGA: OCTOBER 30 STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

FOLLOWING IS MOFA STATEMENT OCT. 30 ON UNGA KOREA VOTE:

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA NOTES IWTH SATIS-
FACTION THAT THE FIRST COMMITTEE OF THE 30TH SESSION OF UNITED
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, UPON CONCLUSION OF ITS DELIBERATIONS
ON THE KOREAN QUESTION FOR SIX DAYS FROM OCTOBER 21, 1975, HAS
TODAY ADOPTED THE FRIENDLY DRAFT RESOLUTION PROPOSING REALISTIC
AND CONCRETE MEASURES FOR THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE KOREAN
PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE RESUMPTION OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE AND
CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE AMONG THE DIRECTLY CONCERNED PARTIES
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TO DISCUSS THE WAYS AND MEAND TO PERSERVE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

2. MEANWHILE, WE DEEPLY REGRET OVER THE UNHAPPY INCIDENT THAT THE PRO-NORTH KOREAN DRAFT RESOLUTION, UTTERLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, HAS ALSO BEEN ADOPTED AT THE FIRST COMMITTEE, THUS RESULTING IN A SERIOUS CONFUSION AND DEFAMATION OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

3. WE HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE THAT THE NORTH KOREA'S DEMAND TO DISSOLVE THE UN COMMAND WITHOUT ANY GUARANTEE FOR THE PEACE IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA, AND ITS ATTEMPT TO NULLIFY THE PRESENT ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BY PROPOSING A SO-CALLED PEACE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, A PRINCIPAL PARTY TO THE KOREAN QUESTION, ARE TOTALLY UNTENABLE, AS SUCH AN APPROACH, FRAUGHT WITH THE DANGER OF A RECURRENCE OF WAR, WILL IN NO WAY CONTRIBUTE TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE KOREAN QUESTION. THEREFORE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WISHES TO STATE, AGAIN ON THIS OCCASION, THAT IT WILL NEVER ACCEPT SUCH A COMMUNIST DRAFT RESOLUTION.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT ANY PROBLEM PENDING BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA CANNOT BE SOLVED PEACEFULLY WITHOUT CONSULTATION AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. IN THIS BELIEF, WE URGED TIME AND AGAIN THAT THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE SHOULD BE RESUMED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. IN VIEW OF THE GREAT DIFFERENCES IN IDEOLOGY AND SYSTEM BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH AND ALSO THE NATIONAL TRAGEDY WHICH THE KOREAN PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED FROM DURING THE KOREAN WAR STARTED BY NORTH KOREA, AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE TENSION EXISTING ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, WE SHOULD RESTORE MUTUAL TRUST BY ELIMINATING THE ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS BETWEEN THEM, THUS LAYING A FOUNDATION FOR THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE DEEPLY-ROOTED MUTUAL DISTRUST BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA COULD ONLY BE ELIMINATED THROUGH WIDENING THEIR EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION IN THE HUMANITARIAN, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS, WHICH ARE COMPARATIVELY TRACTABLE AND PRACTICAL TO REALIZE AT THIS STAGE. ON THIS BASIS, WE CAN FURTHER PROCEED TO SOLVE MORE COMPLICATED POLITICAL AND MILITARY PROBLEMS.

5. THEREFORE, WE STONGLY URGE NORTH KOREA TO DESIST FROM UNNECESSARY CONFRONTATION AND POLITICAL PROPAGANDA AT THE UN AND TO RETURN

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TO THE TABLE OF DIALOGUE CORRESPONDING TO THE WISHES OF THE 50 MILLION KOREAN PEOPLE AND THE PEACE-LOVING NATIONS OF THE WORLD. WE ALSO HOPE THAT THE OTHER PARTIES TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WILL POSITIVELY RESPOND TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE ARMISTICE TO DISCUSS THE WAYS AND MEANS TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

5. FINALLY, WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR

FRIENDLY COUNTRIES WHO HAVE COSPONSORED AND RENDERED ACTIVE AND
UNSPARING SUPPORTS FOR THE FRIENDLY DRAFT RESOLUTION. OUR
THANKS ALSO GO TO MANY FRIENDLY COUNTRIES BELONGING TO THE
NON-ALIGNED GROUP WHO HAVE SHOWN US FULL UNDERSTANDING AND
COOPERATION.
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